

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24 and 26-36 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24 and 26-27 have been cancelled without prejudice, leaving allowed Claims 28-36 for further consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24 and 26-27 have been cancelled without prejudice, including Applicants rights to filing those same claims in a continuation application. Applicants have cancelled these claims merely in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of a patent on the allowed claims.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 16-18, 22, 24, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colbert (US 2004/0154264) and in view of Jaworek et al. (US 2004/0142115) and Eckbert et al. (US 6,610,760).

Claims 13 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colbert (US 2004/0154264) and Jaworek et al. (US 2004/0142115) and Eckberg et al. (US 6,610,760), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Randall et al. (US 2003/0203191).

Claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colbert (US 2004/0154264), Jaworek et al. (US 2004/0142115), and Eckbert et al., as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Garnett et al. (US 6,162,511).

These rejections are moot as Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24 and 26-27 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3313.

Respectfully submitted,

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